



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Chakraborty, et al.

Serial No.: 09/524,408      Group Art Unit: 2123

Filed: March 13, 2000      Examiner: Eduardo Garcia Otero

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR APPLYING FINE-GRAINED TRANSFORMS  
DURING PLACEMENT SYNTHESIS INTERACTION

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 24, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows: